Melting of Ice Lingam at Amarnath

2371. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the causes for melting of Ice Lingam at Amarnath;

(b) whether Government propose to restrict the number of pilgrims to Amarnath to minimize the impact of human activity on the natural environment of that region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, no such assessment has been conducted.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Reduction in presence of armed forces in J and K

2372. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the break-up details of armed forces and Central police forces in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether Government is under undue pressure for reducing the present strength of armed forces in J and K by their ally;

(c) if so, what is the basis of their demand;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a Committee to look into the aspects of reducing the forces in the valley; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The security forces have been deployed in Jammu and Kashmir depending upon the overall security scenario and availability of these forces. It is not in public interest to indicate further details with regard to the forces and their level of deployment.

(b) to (e) There have been demands and reports, from time to time, about reduction in the level of security force deployment in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the overall improvement in the security environment. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground. In this context, it has been